



Jeralita "Jeri" Costa

Quick Facts

Birth: September 18, 1959
San Diego, CA

Death:

Occupation: Consultant/Victim
Services Specialist

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1995-99 (H)
1999-2003 (S)

Office: Representative, Senator

District: 38 (Snohomish County)

Personal:

- Former executive director of Families and Friends of Violent Crime Victims, 1989-93
- Teaches workshops on victim services, criminal justice, corrections and non-profit management issues throughout the US
- Worked for the National Victim Center and the Department of Justice
- Avid bicyclist and scuba diver

Education:

- Attended Everett and Highline Community Colleges
- Education in journalism, paralegal, business administration, financial and personnel management
- 1977 graduate of Marysville-Pilchuck High School

Community Service:

- Families and Friends of Violent Crime Victims, advisory board member

Affiliations:

Awards:

- Golden Hand Award for State Government, Deaconess Children's Services, 1999, 1995
- "Legislator of the Year," Washington State Association of County Clerks, 1998

Legislative & State Service:

Committees: (1995) Capital Budget; Law and Justice; Financial Institutions and Insurance (1997) Capital Budget; Law and Justice; Rules (1999) Human Services and Corrections, vice-chair; Health and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Rules; Transportation (2001) Human Services and Corrections, vice-chair; Health and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Rules; Transportation

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Department of Corrections, Community Victim Liaison, NW Region
- Washington State Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
- Washington State Jail Industries Board, member
- Washington Sentencing Guidelines Commission

Sources:

- “Costa calling it quits,” by Scott North and Jim Haley, *The Herald*, May 18, 2002.